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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder. Selah.

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Badge of Authority



In Luke 1:13, we find an interesting *authority* discussion. The angel of the Lord (Gabriel) appears to Zacharias announcing, "*Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son and thou shalt call his name John.*"



After further disclosure and discussion, John simply asks, "*How shall I know this...?*" Today's equivalent might be asking for his identification or a business card.

Supporting Thoughts

Luke 1:19 AMP *And the angel replied to him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the [very] presence of God, and I have been sent to talk to you and to bring you this good news.*

The angel Gabriel begins his response by essentially offering his badge of authority. He states in verse 19, "I am Gabriel that stands in the presence of God..." It's remarkable that to demonstrate his authority, he does not say, "I am Gabriel the Archangel", "...Gabriel, the Voice of God, sent by God" or "Gods right-hand angel." As evidence of his authority to speak in Gods behalf, **he simply states that he has been "in the presence of God"**. This credential qualified him as God's voice.

Today there is **no greater qualification** for you or me as a witness or voice for the Lord **then having been in His Presence.**
Selah.

Pursuing HIS Presence,

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